(c) Initiatives taken and proposed for expenditure control, *inter alia,* include fixing quarterly ceilings and targets for expenditure as a part of move towards better expenditure control and cash management, reviewing Plan schemes for effecting convergence of schemes with similar objectives, evolving a policy framework rationalising and targeting subsidies to the truly poor, reviewing user charges and evolving an outcome budget to help translate budget outlays into better outcomes. Two Task Forces to develop and implement a multi-pronged strategy for effecting substanital recovery from arrears of direct and indirect taxes were constituted. Special units have been created to monitor, recover and dispose of outstanding cases. Time limits and other instructions have been prescribed for speedy settlement of issues at the Departmental appellate stages. Special efforts have been made to speed up the disputed cases in the tribunals, high courts and Supreme Court.

Advisory Council for exemption to exporters

†2863. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the facilities which are to be provided to the exporters under section 80 HHC of Income Tax Act are not being provided to them;

(b) whether any Advisory Council has been set up by the Prime Minister's office to consider on this issue and the related matters; and

(c) if so, what is Government's view in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) From a number of representations received from exporters it appears that they are concerned about re-computation of the export incentives availed of by them under the Income-tax Act.

The matter was referred to the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council which has recently submitted its report. Action has been initiated for implementation of the recommendations of the Council.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi